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## Fwd: Canyon School repairs

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**Joel Alvarez <joel.alvarez@lacity.org>**  
**To:** Leslie Richter <Leslie.Richter@lacity.org>

Mon, Dec 5, 2016 at 1:21 PM

No action needed, just FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Cathie Santo Domingo <cathie.santodomingo@lacity.org>  
**Date:** December 5, 2016 at 12:35:10 PM PST  
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**Subject: Re: Canyon School repairs**

Hi Chris,

For the facility needs, Javier Solis, who is the superintendent over maintenance, and myself are the contacts. Also, copying Joel Alvarez, who oversees the partnership agreement with the school.

On Wed, Nov 30, 2016 at 4:39 PM, Chris Robertson <chris.robertson@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Cathie and Darryl,

We would like to set up a site visit with you and whoever else you think is necessary to go over the possible budgetary needs to address some of these issues. Who else from RAP should be at the meeting to start this discussion?



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**From:** Stacy Barnhisel <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** Sun, Nov 27, 2016 at 10:09 AM  
**Subject:** Canyon School repairs  
**To:** "Cathie.SantoDomingo@lacity.org" <Cathie.SantoDomingo@lacity.org>, Chris Robertson <chris.robertson@lacity.org>, Dan Halden <danield.halden@lacity.org>  
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Hi Cathie, Chris and Dan,

I hope your holiday weekend has been lovely and restful. I just wanted to thank you for taking the time on Wednesday to meet with us at Canyon School and hear our concerns. Cathie, it was a pleasure (and, honestly, a thrill) to meet you and hear your support of and enthusiasm for our beloved school. We are excited to start working with you, Dan and Chris to get some necessary changes made.

It seems that work has already begun on opening up the back of the school and we eagerly await designs and plans on that front. In the meantime, Cathie, you requested a list of safety upgrades which have, until now, been blocked by the city. I have cc'd the school's director and executive board so they may have some items to add which I have forgotten. I realize there may not be an unlimited source of monies through the parks department for all these changes. We at Canyon School are fierce fundraisers but we are a tiny operation. Perhaps, the Councilman's office could be integral in supporting and funding these necessary safety upgrades. What city office doesn't need a worthy pet project?!

Below are the major items we are desperate to have repaired:

- faulty wiring in the kitchen (we can only use one appliance at a time and blow fuses almost daily)
- drain in middle of schoolyard backs up when a lot of water is present and creates a really disgusting, smelly mess that is like a siren call for three year olds eager to jump and splash
- plumbing in both the kitchen and bathroom consistently backs up and floods the bathroom and below sink area in the kitchen
- bathroom stall doors and entry door are deteriorating and there are very sharp, rusty edges all along the bottom of the walls and doors
- sinks are falling off the wall
- our faucets stay on and waste a good amount of water but we were told we could not change them to conserve water as it would interfere with city plumbing
- flooring and baseboards are peeling and coming up
- urinal doesn't flush properly and often floods
- window to our director's office (which faces the park) is not secure. We have been broken into robbed of thousands of dollars worth of computers, donation items, petty cash and school materials. We'd love to get the window replaced and, perhaps, barred or properly secured
- the laminate flooring and countertops in the kitchen are very worn and could really use some love/replacement (I don't contend that this is a safety issue but it sure would be a nice improvement).
- the windows in our indoor classroom are ancient and seem very unsafe and outdated. This may not be a safety code issue but we do tend to keep them completely blocked so that little fingers don't find their way to rusting and rotting metal and brittle glass.
- peeling paint on benches
- our hvac system is on its last legs and especially now, with all the dust and fumes, it is working overtime when we are forced to keep the children inside during dangerous conditions. We fear the once might air conditioner is not long for this world.

Sorry to inundate you all with an extensive list but finally having the ear of the parks department has made us giddy with hope! Chris and Dan, thank you again for introducing us to Cathie and for your continued attention and support. We look forward to hearing from you all soon!

Have a lovely day!

Best,  
Stacy

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